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Examiner: J.S. Sitton  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/955,216  
Filing Date: September 19, 2001  
Inventors: Sherri M. BROWN *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated  
with the Gibberellin Pathway  
Atty. Dkt: 16517.257

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. Response to Office Action mailed January 27, 2005; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is given to charge the statutory fee of \$120.00 for a one-month extension of time to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.257. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.257.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures